

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1-6. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-6, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10-20, 22-24, and 37-44 are pending in the present application; Claims 1, 4, 13, 16 and 41-44 having been amended and Claims 9, 21, 25-36 and 45-48 having been canceled by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Figures 1-6 were objected to, Claims 9, 21, and 33 were objected to, Claim 16 was objected to, Claims 1-24 and 41-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, Claims 25-36 and 45-48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter, Claims 1-3 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bell et al., Claims 25-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell, Claims 4-6, 10, 11, 16-18, 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell in view of Sullivan, and the subject matter of Claims 7, 8, 12, 19, 20, 24 and 41-44 was indicated as being allowable, and Claims 37-40 were allowed.

Figures 1-6 were objected to as not containing a legend such as Prior Art. In response to this rejection, Figures 1-6 are amended to include the legend "Related Art".

Accordingly, the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Claims 9, 21, and 33 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependent form. These claims have been canceled and this rejection is now moot.

Claim 16 was objected to because of a specific informality. In response to this objection, Claim 16 has been amended in the manner suggested and accordingly, the objection to Claim 16 is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Claims 1-24 and 41-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended form of the claims.

As to Claims 1, 4, 13, and 16, these claims have been amended in the manner suggested by the outstanding Office Action to change the recitation of “two-dimensional images” to “--second two-dimensional images--.”

With respect to the rejection of Claims 41-44, the term “the predetermined threshold” has been changed to “--a predetermined threshold--.”

Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

Claims 25-36 and 45-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. These claims have been canceled and accordingly, this rejection is now moot.

Claims 1-3 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bell et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the brightness of each of the second two-dimensional images is set to be the same among the display planes irrespective of a depth position of the display object. Independent Claims 4, 13, and 16 have been amended in a similar manner. This amendment is supported, for example, by page 2, lines 21-26 and page 4, line 31-page 5, line 10 of the specification, for example.

Bell discloses that a physical image is formed on two or more imaging screens, each image being of substantially identical configuration and being sized and aligned such that like portions of each image are coterminous to a viewer observing the display. Moreover, at least two of said coterminous images are displayed with differing luminance ([0033]-[0034]), and

discloses variation in luminance distribution for images (6, 7) displayed at the two screens (3, 4) (Figs. 3 and 4, [0098]-[0107]).

However, Bell does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature of displaying the second two-dimensional images on the display planes respectively in which brightness of each of the second two-dimensional images is set to be the same among display planes irrespective of a depth position of the display object.

Bell only discloses altering luminance distribution according to a depth position of a display object ([0103]), and does not suggest “brightness of each of the second two-dimensional images is set to be the same among the display planes irrespective of a depth position of the display object.”

Moreover, Sullivan does not suggest the claimed feature “transparency of each of the two-dimensional images is set to be the same among the display planes irrespective of a depth position of the display object.”

According to the present invention, the problem described in the specification at p.2, line 21-p.4, line 4 can be solved and the effects described at p.6, line 36-p.7, line 12 can be obtained. Neither Bell nor Sullivan suggest such a problem and effects.

Based on the above, independent Claims 1, 4, 13, and 16 are patentable over all prior art of record including Bell and Sullivan.

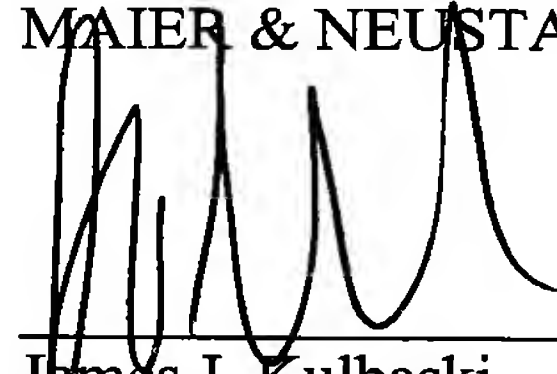
Accordingly, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103 are respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

The claims depending from the independent claims are patentable for at least the reasons the independent claims are patentable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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